

## **REMARKS**

In response to the above-identified Final Office Action (“Action”), Applicants respectfully submit the foregoing amendments to the claims and seek reconsideration thereof. Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 8-10 and 13-14 are allowed and claims 1, 3-7 and 11-12 are rejected. In this response, no claims are amended, claims 1, 3-7 and 11-12 are cancelled and no claims are added.

### **I. Examiner Interview Summary**

Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner Interview conducted on August 7, 2007 between Applicant’s Attorney Stacie J. Sundquist and Examiner Melanie Jagannathan via telephone. A summary of the issues discussed between the Examiner and Applicant’s Attorney are set forth below.

During the interview, the Examiner’s rejection of claims 1 and 11 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,480,839 issued to Whittington (“Whittington”) and U.S. Patent No. 5,848,416 issued to Tikkanen (“Tikkanen”) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) was discussed. Specifically, Applicant’s Attorney requested that the Examiner clarify where within the references each of the elements of claims 1 and 11 were taught or suggested. The Examiner suggested that if claims 1 and 11 were amended to clarify various elements recited in the claims, the cited art may be overcome. The Examiner, however, noted that such amendments are likely to require additional search of the prior art and therefore Applicants may need to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to ensure entry of any amendments submitted after final.

No agreements were reached during the Examiner Interview.

### **II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103**

A. In the outstanding Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 3-7 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Whittington in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,711,562 issued to Ross et al. (“Ross”) and further in view of Tikkanen.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claims 1, 3-7 and 11-12 on this basis. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the instant application and achieving allowance of the claims, claims 1, 3-7 and 11-12 are cancelled therefore the rejection of claims 1, 3-7 and 11-12 on this basis is moot.

**B.** In the outstanding Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Tikkanen in view of Ross.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claims 1 and 11 on this basis. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting prosecution of the instant application and achieving allowance of the claims, claims 1 and 11 are cancelled therefore the rejection of claims 1 and 11 on this basis is moot.

### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants respectfully acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 8-10 and 13-14.

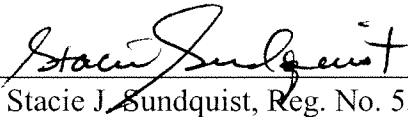
## CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 8-10 and 13-14, are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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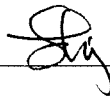
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